

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MAG BUILDING CODES COMMITTEE

December 15, 1999
Maricopa Association of Governments Office
Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| Leon Manuel, El Mirage, Chairman | * Fred King Maricopa County |
| * Ken Sowers, Avondale | Tom Hedges for Tom Mattingly, Mesa |
| Bob Lee, Cave Creek | Armando Rivas, Paradise Valley |
| * Carefree | Ibrahim Maslamani, Peoria |
| * Alex Banachowski, Chandler | Bob Goodhue, Phoenix |
| Patrick Davis, Fountain Hills | * Adam Sessions, Queen Creek |
| * Ralph Vasquez, Gila Bend | Dave Potter, Scottsdale |
| * Wilfred Brown for Jo Rene DeVeau, Gila River | John Guenther, Surprise |
| Indian Community | * Michael Williams, Tempe |
| Ray Patten, Gilbert | * Mario Rochin, Tolleson |
| Larry Richards, Glendale | * Skip Blunt, Wickenburg |
| Steve Burger, Goodyear | Red Miller, Youngtown |
| • Richard Hughes, Litchfield Park | Russ Brock, Arizona Homebuilders Association |

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

T.J. Parent, Arizona aluminum Awning Association Harry P. Wolfe, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Chairman Leon Manuel.

2. Approval of November 17, 1999 Meeting Minutes

Leon Manuel asked if there were any comments on the minutes. Steve Burger requested a revision to the top of page 3. He indicated that it took **a total of** 110 minutes for **all** inspections on a single family residence. It was moved by Ralph Vasquez, seconded by Bob Goodhue and unanimously recommended to approve the minutes as amended.

3. Call to the Public

Leon Manuel reported that he would Table agenda items #7 and 8 because there was no representative in attendance to discuss the items.

The agenda item pertaining to R-3 separation standards was sent back to the Building Inspectors and Plans Examiner meeting for revisions.

The issue of establishing a MAG standard for ADA was referred to AZBO. Steve Burger met with Alan Olsen on the matter and he is going to proceed with a standard. It was suggested that Chapter 11 of the UBC ??? be eliminated and that the ADAG be adopted without an exclusion for private clubs.

According to Janice Jennings, trailers for selling homes need to comply with the ADA. Questions about bathroom requirements in the trailers is going to be forwarded to the Department of Justice.

Armando Rivas distributed an inspection service survey and requested that the survey be filled out and turned in or faxed back. Ibrahim Maslamani asked that the results of the survey be placed on the next agenda of the MAG Building Codes Committee.

Mr. Maslamani indicated that he met with the Wooden Truss Council in the issue of truss repair. He reported that:

1. The Truss Council made a card that shows the equivalent of a 4X6.
2. The truss layout document has been reorganized in a notebook making it easier to find the appropriate truss layout.
3. The Structural Engineers Association is stamping the Truss card.

Mr. Maslamani said that a new impact fee was passed in Peoria that assesses \$3,000 to \$6,000 for each new house constructed.

Steve Burger pointed out that the AZBO spring institute will be held in Prescott the week following Mothers' Day: the 22nd -27th of May.

John Guenther said that Surprise was circulating a questionnaire on its computer system.

4. Review of MAG Member Agency Adoption of 1997 Building Codes and Amendments

Harry Wolfe reported that the agenda item was prompted by the fact that he had prepared an earlier status report table, erroneously indicating that several communities had adopted the codes without amendments. He noted that Peoria, Glendale and Scottsdale adopted the Codes with amendments.

Leon Manuel requested an updated status report on member agency adoption of codes. The status report provided by Committee members at the meeting along with information provided in follow-up

communications are included in a table at the end of the minutes.

5. Update of the Review by the Wood Truss Council of Arizona for Attachment of Aluminum Patio Covers to Single Family Residential Pre-fabricated Trusses

A letter was received from _____ which noted that Patio Covers should not be attached to Trusses.

T.J Perrin asked if the issue could be discussed at the February meeting. Larry Richards responded that the Building Codes Committee reviewed the issue 12 years ago and that the Truss Manufacturers have no interest in doing anything.

T.J Perrin stated that two years ago he could attach certain projections to Truss tails, but now it seems that it cannot be done at all.

It was moved by Bob Goodhue and seconded by Steve Burger that the issue be removed from future agendas until the Truss Manufacturers meet with the awning people and reach agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Update of the Development of the 1999 National Electrical Code Amendments by the International Association of Electrical Inspectors

Leon Manuel noted that a letter was sent to the IAEI, but that this year the organization opted not to prepare amendments to the NEC. Mr. Manuel asked whether the MAG Building Codes Committee wanted to develop amendments, and if so, who would do it. It was recommended that AZBO take the initiative in preparing 1999 National Electrical Code Amendments. It was also recommended that the Code without amendments be used as the base and that any amendments to it be justified.

It was note that Alan Olsen would act as Chair for the 1999 NEC. His mandate was to have as few amendments as practicable. It was estimated that he would complete the task in about three months.

It was moved by John Guenther, seconded by Larry Richards and unanimously recommended to refer to AZBO the development of the 1999 NEC amendments, and keep amendments to a minimum. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Building Inspectors/Plans Examiners Forum Report Regarding the Marking of Trusses

Deferred to next meeting.

8. Building Inspectors/Plans Examiners Forum Report of the Mechanical Code Requirements for a Minimum Size Opening of a Flue Damper in a Solid Fuel Burning Fireplace containing a Gas Log

Deferred to next meeting.

9. Survey Results of single Family Residential Model Homes and the Use of Disabled Accessibility Codes

An opinion was requested on whether toilets are required in model homes. Another issue raised was access from the model home to the public street by a ramp.

Russ Brock said that the homebuilders want uniformity among cities and said they could live with a matrix.

Larry Richards suggested having a matrix assembled, fax it to Building Codes Committee members and they would return it.

Russ Brock said HBA would help to make it a workable document.

Bob Lee recommended getting everyone to agree on the most restrictive requirements.

Bob Lee noted that there are differences between a sales office and model home as it relates to zoning issues.

Russ Brock said that the Homebuilders just need to know what the rules are that require compliance.

Bob Goodhue said that the Homebuilders should be given the information they need, for them to compile a list, and for us to verify that list. It could then be forwarded to their members. If a lack of uniformity is discovered, then that will need to be addressed.

Bob Lee - compaction, stable firm & slip resistant, but doesn't say paving.

It was noted that the discussion would be continued next month.

10. MAG Standard for Single Family Residential Fabric Shade Structures for Vehicles, Boats, Etc.

Deferred to next meeting

11. MAG Standard for Child Day Care Requirements

Deferred to next meeting.

12. State Plumbing Code Commission

I think I was out of the room when this was discussed can you help me here?

13. Legislative Issues

Dave Potter said that AZBO may need to get back to addressing the state energy code standard.

14. Topics for Future Agendas

Topics for the next agenda include the State Plumbing Code, the Arizona Chapter of ICBO two day seminar on Med gas????? Whether cities would be adopting International Codes

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.